

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 27-34 are pending for examination. The Office Action requests an election of species:

One amino acid sequence from claims 12 and 13; and the corresponding nucleic acid sequence from claims 16 and 17.

Applicant elects SEQ ID NO: 25 from claim 13; and corresponding nucleic acid sequence 12 from claim 17. This election is without traverse. This election reads upon claims 6-10, 13, 17, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner would like to discuss any remaining issues, Applicants' representative can be reached at (619) 203-3186.

Respectfully submitted,

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